REACH OUT RAPID RIVER

Rapid River Public School's Newsletter

March/April 2015

SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS

Congratulations! We survived another winter and spring is on the way! Although it is still too early to get excited about a change in the weather, we are gearing up for a number of exciting 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 show our Rockets how proud you are of their efforts. We look forward to seeing you there.

Dr. Jay Kulbertis Superintendent

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 2 – PTC mtg. – 5:30 p.m. in the elementary teacher's lounge. March 4 – Rapid River Sports Boosters mtg., 4:30 p.m. in the library.

March 9– School Board mtg. – 6:30 p.m. in the library.

March 30 – April 3 – No School – Spring Break

April 6 – No School – Easter Monday

April 8 – Rapid River Sports Boosters mtg. 4:30 p.m. in the library.

April 13 - PTC mtg. - 5:30 p.m. in the elementary teacher's lounge. **April 13** - School Board mtg. - 6:30 p.m. in the library.

MARCH READING MONTH

March Reading Month is almost here. Be on the look-out for notes with all the fun details! March 3rd will be our Kick-Off Breakfast (7:15 a.m. – 7:55 a.m.). We plan on having a couple of family nights. Our hard-working PTC is sponsoring a Book Fair with many games and activities for families. Volunteers are always needed as the book fair will be all week long. Please join us!

SPRING BREAK

There will be no school beginning Monday, March 30th for Spring Break. School will resume Tuesday, April 7th.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Registration for children who will be five by September 1, 2015 will be held on Friday, April 17^{th} from 8:00 - 3:00. Children who will be five by November 1, 2015 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.

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.

VIAU'S MEAT SALE

The fifth grade class will be having a Viau's Meat Sale to raise money for their Clear Lake trip. The sale will take place from March 3rd through March 12th. If you would like to place an order, please ask any of our fifth grade students.

FUZZBUSTER GAME

Rapid River Senior class will take on local law enforcement for the annual Fuzzbuster game, Monday, April 13th. The doors will open at 5:30 p.m. There will be an elementary game with Seniors to follow at 6:00 p.m. There will be raffles, contests and activities for all ages. Proceeds will go towards the Senior All-Night Party.

FAMILY NIGHT

Title I will be hosting a Family Night the first week in March. It will be an evening to come out and view many fun websites that support your student's learning in fun ways. Join us for pizza, pop and websites.

Title I is planning two more Family Nights before summer break. Updates will be going home in a note. The last one will include a book for each student to support summer reading.

LIBRARY

Our library is still looking for magazines about hunting, sports, dirt bike racing and ATV's along with horse magazines. These are always appreciated and welcomed.

If anyone has any questions regarding overdue book notices, please call our office at 474-3512 and leave a message if we are not there. Often times, we are able to rectify "missing" books over the phone but we need to hear from you! It will also help if there is a designated place for books that come home from the library so you or your child knows where to

put/find it to bring back to school. We want to continue to encourage reading/being read to. Thank you!

INDIAN ED

February 25th our program put on a very enjoyable storytelling singing presentation in the high school gym for grades 6-12. Participants included Tom and Kim Roman, Gary Meshigaud, Flo Cutter, and our cultural advisor, Dave Keller. We were able to do this with the help of the Sault Tribe's 2% grant, for which we are very grateful. Later that day we had our annual tubing party with Gladstone's Indian Ed program. As always, we had a great turnout and good time was had by all!

Mr. Pilon has been very busy helping many students with their work. It's gratifying to see so many young people seeking him out to better their grades. Keep coming!

If anyone has questions in regards to our program, please call our office at 474-3527. Milgwetch!

SENIOR FUNDRAISERS

The Senior class is selling pasties to raise money for their class trip. The cost is \$4.00 each. Contact any Senior to order. For more information please contact Martha Beaver, Toni Miller, Sherri Parrett or the high school office.

Seniors will also be selling Sayklly's fudge eggs from February 27th through March 11th. Delivery will be before Spring Break.

REPORT CARDS

Third quarter report cards for grades 6-12 will be given out on Monday, April 13th.

TALENT SHOW

The Rapid River Talent Show will be held on Sunday, April 19th at 2 p.m. in the Elementary Gym. Performers need to contact Ms. Larson at 474-3542 with performer name and type of performance.

ELEMENTARY NEWS

Every month is busy when you're in Elementary School, but the end of February through March is looking full of wonderful learning experiences for our students! We have a nutritionist coming in each week to share healthy eating habits, Operation Life Saver is putting on a program about railroad safety, Reading is Magic is presenting a program, and the Peninsula Federal Credit Union will be here for our 3rd, 4th and 5th graders, to teach them about saving and banking.

Something new this year, that we are excited about, is an art grant from the Michigan Council for Arts & Cultural Affairs written by Kristine Paulson. Each week we'll have various professionals here to provide art sessions to go along with our Native American studies and our science curriculum. Each grade level will be geared for them personally and the students will get to make and keep some really interesting projects. Some of the classes will make drug awareness videos, some will receive theater/drama activities. and some will have collections of art to take home. This is going to be a wonderful opportunity for our students.

PROM 2015

The 2015 Prom will be Saturday, April 11th from 8:00-11:00 p.m. in the Elementary Gym.

SCHOOL BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

Regular Meeting January 12, 2015

Director of Non-Instructional Personnel, Kevin Beaver updated the board on the water project being close to completion. Fuel costs are down due to pricing and we have removed non-working clocks and ordered new clocks.

Administrator William Warning reported Dibels testing was done in the elementary school, on February 5 the high school visited the ISD Tech Center and January 29 was a ½ day for students and staff was PD in the pm.

Superintendent Jay Kulbertis updated board members as follows:

- Reviewed NEOLA policies 1st reading, Lame Duck has a big push for road funding, educator evaluation has 4 tools and will be an ISD wide recommendation, a school board dinner was held February 2 at 6:00 p.m. at the ISD and the ACT test will replace the SAT for juniors starting in 2016.

Beth Larson and Flo Anderson thanked the board members for their service. 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.

Motion made and approved:

- -to appoint George Kanyuh and Jake Stenlund to the Board of Education.
- -to elect Karen Lundquist President; Michelle Denkins, Vice President; Edwin LaCosse, Secretary and Wayne Christoff, Treasurer

-to appoint members to various sub-committees and other various committees -

Transportation: Edwin LaCosse, Albert Wickham, Jake Stenlund Finance: Karen Lundquist, Wayne Christoff, George Kanyuh Building & Grounds: Edwin LaCosse, Albert Wickham, Wayne Christoff

Policy & Personnel: Karen Lundquist, Michelle Denkins, Jake Stenlund

Dual Superintendency: Karen Lundquist, George Kanyuh -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 \$1,800 for 2015.
- -to start discussion with Little Light of Mine for daycare options at Rapid River Schools.

Regular Meeting February 9, 2015

Key Club members Kendyl Miller and Aslynn Brockway provided details on the Key Club District Convention overnight trip to Green Bay, WI.

5th Graders Bryce Buchbinder, Gracie Stemick, Damyn Smith, Madi LaChance, Nick Bruursema and Maddison Kee provided details on the 5th grade Clear Lake overnight trip request.

Motion made and approved:

- -to approve the Key Club District Convention overnight trip to Green Bay.
- -to approve Budget Amendment 2. -to approve the 5th grade Clear Lake overnight trip request.

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

EXXON MOBIL GRANT

For the third 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.

ACADEMIC LETTERS

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 2017 Jared Anderson, Rhiley Hubert, and Ashlynn Pryal Class of 2016 Victoria Hagman and Brandon Sundstrom Class of 2015 Andrea Gendron Way to go kids! We are proud of your accomplishments!

SPORTS BOOSTERS

Sports Boosters are selling Booster Bucks raffle tickets. There are still seven drawings left with the chance to win over \$1000. Go Rockets!

SECOND QUARTER 4TH & 5TH GRADE ACADEMIC AWARDS

4th grade – All A's – Monica Thibault

A-B's – Eliana Junttila, Shaun Nelson, Austin Rafuse

Bug Award – Sean Malnar, Mary McNally, Lexie VanOss

Perfect Attendance – Carter Johnson, Maizie Nelson, Shaun Nelson, Monica Thibault, Lexie VanOss

5th grade – All A's – Madilynne LaChance, Bryce Buchbinder, Addie Christoff, Gabrielle Moss, Brady Proehl, Jersie Segerstrom, Corey Novak

A-B's – Maddison Kee, Auvergne Richmond, Gracie Stemick, Trey Sundstrom, Rease Dawley, Jace Holmio

Bug Award – Bryce Buchbinder, Brady Proehl, Jersie Segerstrom, Trey Sundstrom

Perfect Attendance – Addie Christoff, Brady Proehl, Rease Dawley, Soren Gustafson, Jaiden McCarty, Ryder Soderman, Stephen Vandeville

SECOND QUARTER HONOR ROLL MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL

6th grade - 4.0 to 3.70 – Allison Gustafson, Ahna Larson, Cecilia Pilon, Franklin Thibault, Taylor VanOss; 3.69 to 3.30 – Madison Axtell, Hannah Casey, Riley Edwardsen, Griffin Flath, Myah Pearson; 3.29 to 3.00 – Morgan Anderson, Natalie Belanger, Calvin Thibault

7th grade – 4.0 to 3.70 – Avery Closs, Lucas Gendron, Brooke Lancour, Brooke Landis, Garrett

Novak; 3.69 to 3.30 – Azariah Hernandez, Braydon Moss; 3.29 to 3.00 – Mya Paulin, Noah Sefcik

8th grade – 4.0 to 3.70 – Riley Christianson, Audrey Naeyaert, Gwendolyn Naeyaert, Erica Proehl, Jenna Rubick, Emily Thibault; 3.69 to 3.30 – Alyssa Deneau, Taylor Guinn, Mason Kennedy, Brittany Schwartz, Sherry Vandeville; 3.29 to 3.00 – Brianna Beauchaine, Cassidy Berg, Leonard Menary, Phillip Monticello, Jaden Schwartz, Alexis Trombley

9th grade – 4.0 to 3.70 – Daren Landis, Levi Miller, Joseph Pilon; 3.69 to 3.30 – Julia Breault, Luke Gustafson, Shelby LaCosse, Kailey Vietzke; 3.29 to 3.00 – Logan Hardwick, Takoda Hardwick, Gavin Harris, Rease Hubert, Emily Johnson

10th grade – 4.0 to 3.70 – Jared Anderson, Rhiley Hubert, Ashlynn Pryal; 3.69 to 3.30 – Mason Berglund, Adrianna Breault, Erica Rubick, Hana Vanlerberghe; 3.29 to 3.00 – Riis Mendelsohn, Alexandria Viau

11th grade – 4.0 to 3.70 – Daniel Blair, Reinna Blair, Megan Evans, Shannon Gould, Lindsay Knuth, Dominique Pavlat, Erika Schwartz, Tessa Sundling, Brandon Sundstrom; 3.69 to 3.30 – Riley Gustafson, Victoria Hagman, Hannah Kanyuh, Alec Miller, Brody Schroeder; 3.29 to 3.00 -Hayley Brockway, George Kanyuh 12^{th} grade – 4.0 to 3.70 – Kendyl Miller, Valerie Viau; 3.69 to 3.30 -Lucas Bero, Aslynn Brockway, Robert Brodock, Hailie Couillard, Andrea Gendron, Halie Hardwick, Taylor Hedges, David Hough, Rachel LaCosse, Benjamin Rubick, Alexandria Williams; 3.29 to 3.00 – Kendra LaMarque

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".

Here are the students that were selected for the 2nd Quarter of the 2014-2015 school year: Jared Anderson (Science), Halie Hardwick (English), Emily Hickman (Fine Arts), Haley Brockway (Physical Education), Lindsay Knuth (Math), and Daren Landis (Social Studies). Congratulations!

ATHLETIC EVENTS <u>Boys' JV & Varsity Basketball</u> <u>March</u>

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GO ROCKETS!!!

