

REACH OUT RAPID RIVER

Rapid River Public School's Newsletter

May 2015

SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS

Wow, time sure flies when you are having fun!

May is already here, and our students are busy with springtime activities. We would love to see you at a track meet or softball game. Check out the schedule and come join the fun.

We have some special events scheduled for our Senior class and we invite friends, family and community members to attend.

Our Senior Awards night is Monday, May 18 at 7:30 p.m. in the elementary gym. The Graduation Ceremony is on Saturday, May 23 at 7:00 p.m. in the high school gym. We certainly hope to see you there.

For those still searching for preschool options, we are continuing our partnership with Grace Church out of Gladstone to house their preschool program on our site. We are very grateful that they offer this quality preschool program to our youngsters. Please contact Little Light of Mine Preschool directly at 428-9482, if you are interested.

Dr. Jay Kulbertis
Superintendent

ELEMENTARY NEWS

Our elementary students are looking forward to Artist Mark Crilley's art-in-education program. The community will be able to join us on April 28 for an assembly where students will show off their artwork and videos.

Another interesting opportunity for the community to join will be in May when Ms. Larson and Mr. Ostrenga have their science classes release salmon in the Escanaba Harbor. We've had over 200 eggs hatch and grow in our aquarium. Our students have been managing the feeding, cleaning, and other responsibilities in order to add to our lake's fish population. These small fish will be allowed to grow further in holding pens and then released to the wild. In a couple of years, they should be back! Again we would like to thank The Great Lakes Sports Fishermen for making this learning opportunity possible by donating the aquarium chiller. The television program, *Discovering*, has been following our progress and will have our students on the show!

Mrs. DeGrave and Mrs. Spreitzer will soon be taking the **kindergarteners** to the MSU Extension Farm in Chatham and Jilberts Dairy in Marquette for their annual field trip. They will learn about farming, milk production, raising cows and many other things. Northern Michigan

University will host the students afterwards for a pizza party.

The **first grade** class is a small one this year but very active. You would be amazed at how well they are reading already. They are even learning the tricky vowel combinations such as "ou,ow,oi,oy,au and aw".

The **second grade** is learning about hatching chicks. Soon Mrs. Viau will bring in eggs for the students to observe. After the eggs hatch, the whole school gets excited to see the babies.

Mrs. McKnight's **third grade** class has almost all become masters in multiplication! They are also getting educated on weather and specifically the kinds of clouds. Soon they will go on a field trip to Little School House and the Escanaba Maritime Museum.

Fourth grade recently enjoyed a lumberjack breakfast made by their teacher, Mrs. Sauve. It was the culmination of learning about Early America and coincided with the maple sugar time in our area!

Ms. Larson and Mrs. Wolf are getting the **fifth grade** ready for their overnight field trip to Clear Lake Science Camp. It promises to again be an adventure they will never forget!

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 4 – PTC mtg., 5:30 p.m. in the elementary teacher's lounge

May 6 – Rapid River Sports Boosters mtg., 5:30 p.m. in the library

May 6 - Sports Physicals, Gladstone

May 11 – School Board mtg., 6:30 p.m. in the library.

May 25 – No School – Memorial Day

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

June 3 – Last Day of School; 11:30 dismissal; Breakfast will be served; No Lunch

June 8 – School Board mtg., 6:30 p.m. in the library.

SENIOR EVENTS

May 15 – 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 18 – Senior Awards Program, 7:30 p.m. in the elementary gym

May 19 & 20 – Senior Class Trip

May 22 – Senior breakfast 8:30 a.m.; Graduation rehearsal and decorating to follow

May 23 – Graduation, 7:00 p.m. in the high school gym

INDIAN ED NEWS

May will find us finishing up the cultural part of our year with our annual fifth grade Plant Walk/Sacred Fire at our schools Outdoor Classroom. Mii-gwetch to Cultural advisor Mr. Dave Keller for all your hard work and also the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewas 2% grant money

which makes it all possible.

Mr. Mike Pilon has been very busy all school year working with groups of students and also some on individual basis. The students enjoy working with him and definitely have been improving. It's great to see so many seeking out the extra help. We're very fortunate to have Mr. Pilon in our program!

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

THIRD QUARTER HONOR ROLL

6th grade – 4.00 to 3.70 – Madison Axtell, Hannah Casey, Allison Gustafson, Ahna Larson, Myah Pearson, Cecilia Pilon, Shania Poore, Franklin Thibault, Taylor VanOss; 3.69 to 3.30 – Natalie Belanger, Riley Edwardsen, Griffin Flath, Calvin Thibault; 3.29 to 3.00 – Morgan Anderson, Ismael Hernandez, Jacob Johnson, Derek LaBumbard, Benjamin Lenaker
7th grade – 4.00 to 3.70 – Lucas Gendron, Brooke Lancour, Brooke Landis, Braydon Moss, Garrett Novak; 3.69 to 3.30 – Avery Closs, Azariah Hernandez, Mya Paulin, Noah Sefcik

8th grade – 4.00 to 3.70 – Audrey Naeyaert, Erica Proehl, Jenna Rubick, Emily Thibault; 3.69 to 3.30 – Cassidy Berg, Riley Christianson, Gunnar Larson, PJ Monticello, Gwendolyn Naeyaert, Brittany Schwartz, Jaden Schwartz, Alexis Trombley; 3.29 to 3.00 – Taylor Guinn, Mason Kennedy, Leonard Menary, Christina Olson, Nathaniel Olson, Sherry Vandeville

9th grade – 4.00 to 3.70 – Luke Gustafson, Daren Landis, Levi Miller, Joseph James Pilon; 3.69 to 3.30 – Julia Breault, Logan Hardwick, Takoda Hardwick, Gavin Harris, Rease Hubert, Shelby LaCosse; 3.29 to 3.00 – Elizabeth Goodacre, Jarrett LaCasse, Aleece Paulin, Kailey Vietzke
10th grade – 4.00 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 – Austin Wicklund

11th grade – 4.00 to 3.70 – Daniel Blair, Reinna Blair, Megan Evans, Shannon Gould, Lindsay Knuth, Dominique Pavlat, Erika Schwartz, Tessa Sundling; 3.69 to 3.30 – Haley Brockway, Victoria Hagman, Hannah Kanyuh, Craig Martin, Alec Miller, Brody Schroeder, Brandon Sundstrom

12th grade – 4.00 to 3.70 – Halie Hardwick, Taylor Hedges, Kendyl Miller; 3.69 to 3.30 – Lucas Bero, David Hough, Rachel LaCosse, Benjamin Rubick, Valerie Viau, Paige Vietzke, Alexandra Williams; 3.29 to 3.00 – Robert Brodock, Hailie Couillard, Andrea Gendron, Emily Hickman, Kelly Kennedy

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

On May 3rd a formal banquet was held inducting the following students into the National Honor Society: Seniors - Rachel LaCosse; Juniors - Lindsay Knuth, Erika Schwartz; Sophomores - Ashlynn Pryal, Rhiley Hubert, Jared Anderson.

SCHOOL BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

Regular Mtg., March 9, 2015

Superintendent Jay Kulbertis updated board members on Proposal I and district information.

Michelle Hadel provided details on the Generation E overnight trip request to Battle Creek.

Michelle Denkins was appointed to the 2015 Scholarship Committee by Karen Lundquist.

Motion made and approved:

-to approve the Generation E overnight trip request to Battle Creek.

Special Mtg., March 23, 2015

Superintendent Jay Kulbertis reviewed the bid recommendations submitted by IDI that were discussed at the previous building and grounds committee meeting. Further questions were asked by board members and audience members that required discussion from IDI (not in attendance).

Awarding of the roof bid was tabled.

Motion made and approved:

-to schedule a special meeting for March 24, 2015 at 3:30 p.m.

Special Mtg., March 24, 2015

Phil Niemi, IDI representative, discussed the differences in roof types that are recommended for the construction project including building code requirements.

Awarding of the roof bid was tabled.

Regular Mtg., April 13, 2015

James Ayotte discussed the interest of starting up a golf club this year with intent to eventually become a high school sport activity.

Motion made and approved:

- to approve the senior class overnight trip request to Chicago.
- to designate Baybank as depository for Construction Project and Energy Bond.
- to award bond construction roof bid to Nasi Roofing.
- to accept donations from Gladstone Kiwanis in the amount of \$250 for the library and Dancing Iris, \$75 as a thank you for the use of the building.
- to allow the establishment of a golf club.

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

REPORT CARDS/ DIPLOMAS

Report cards for grades 6 -12 and senior diplomas will be ready starting June 15. They will not be mailed but can be picked up by either a parent or the student

LIBRARY NEWS

Thank you to the Gladstone Kiwanis who very generously donated \$250 to the library for the purchase of new books! We went "shopping" at the PTC's book fair with our new-found money and came away with some wonderful new additions to our library. Again, THANK YOU SO MUCH!

We also received a box of donated books from Senator Carl Levin's office. Thank you!

Our library is still looking for magazines about hunting, sports, dirt bike racing and ATVs along with horse magazines. These are all appreciated and welcome.

If anyone has any questions regarding overdue book notices, please call our office at 474-3512 and leave a message. Often times we are able to rectify "missing" books over the phone, but we need to hear from you. We want to continue to encourage reading and being read to. Thank you!

PERENNIAL GARDEN

We are looking for individuals or a student group/organization to step up and take over the care and occasional replanting of the school's perennial garden located by the highway next to the school sign. There have been many compliments on this garden over the years as it adds to our school's appearance. This will be a great project for any Scouting group or people working on their Master Gardener certification. If interested, please call the high school office at 474-6411.

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 the 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.

THIRD QUARTER 4TH & 5TH GRADE ACADEMIC AWARDS

4th grade – All A's Eliana

Junttila, Monica Thibault

A-B's – Shaun Nelson

Bug Award – Eliana Junttila, Shaun Nelson

Perfect Attendance – Madison Couillard, Maizie Nelson, Austin Rafuse, Karmyn Schwartz, Lexie VanOss

5th grade – All A's – Madilynne

LaChance, Addie Christoff,

Gabrielle Moss, Corey Novak

A-B's – Maddison Kee,

Auvergne Richmond, Gracie

Stemick, Rease Dawley, Bryce

Buchbinder, Brady Proehl, Jersie

Segerstrom, Kyra Stumpf,

Nickolas Bruursema, Jace

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Bug Award – Boe Stigall

Perfect Attendance – Bryce

Buchbinder, Gabrielle Moss,

Nickolas Bruursema, Paige

Christianson, Mason Hardwick,

Brooke Kelly, Jaiden McCarty,

Sarah Simmons

SPORTS PHYSICALS

Annual sports examinations will be May 6 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.

ATHLETIC EVENTS

High School Track

May

1 Stephenson Invite 3:45*

7 Rapid River Invite 1:30

8 Gladstone Meet 6:30

12 Bark River Invite 1:30

14 Regionals R.R. 1:30

19 Bark River 1:30

22 N. Dickinson 1:30

30 UP Finals Kingsford TBA

Junior High Track

May

4 Mid Pen Invite 1:30

11 Munising Invite 4:00

18 Rapid River CUP 1:30

Girls' Softball

May

4 Marquette Away 4:00

5 Gladstone Home 4:00

9 Big Rapids Away TBD

11 Munising Away 4:00

13 Marquette Away 4:00

16 Escanaba Away TBD

21 Sup. Central Home 4:00

*Central Time

THANK YOU

Thank you for your donation to the RR Reach Out: Indian Education, PTC, Sports Boosters and School Improvement.

BOOSTER BUCKS WINNERS

December 3, 2014

\$75.00 – Victor Majestic

\$50.00 – Herb Lundin

\$25.00 – Brenda Patana

December 17, 2014

\$75.00 – Rick Sinn

\$50.00 – Michele Breault

\$25.00 – Jeremy Brousseau

Christmas Drawings

\$100.00 – Michelle Hadel

\$100.00 – Kim Dahlgord

January 7, 2015

\$75.00 – Steve Schultz

\$50.00 – Karen Lancour

\$25.00 – Roxanne Hebert

January 21, 2015

\$75.00 – Bruce Collins

\$50.00 – Kevin Hanson

\$25.00 – Brenda Patana

February 4, 2015

\$75.00 - Kim Dahlgord

\$50.00 – Bill Grey

\$25.00 – Mike Quinn

February 18, 2015

\$75.00 – Hayden Hardwick

\$50.00 – Larissa Wils

\$25.00 – Kim Viau

March 4, 2015

\$75.00 – Levi Miller

\$50.00 – Bill Anderson

\$25.00 – Brenda Patana

March 18, 2015

\$75.00 - Michele Breault

\$50.00 – Shannan Edwardsen

\$25.00 – Terry Foster

April 1, 2015

\$75.00 – Steve Martin

\$50.00 – Pam Schroeder

\$25.00 – Terry Foster

April 15, 2015

\$75.00 – Darrell Hedges

\$50.00 – Aimee Carignan

\$25.00 – Steve Martin