

REACH OUT RAPID RIVER

Rapid River Public School's Newsletter

March/April 2017

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 6 –PTC mtg., 3:00 p.m. in the elementary teacher's lounge.

March 13 – School Board mtg., 6:30 p.m. in the library.

March 17-11:00 a.m. Dismissal, Teacher In-service Day
Lunch will be served.

March 24-11:00 a.m. Dismissal, End of Marking Period
Lunch will be served.

March 27-31 – **NO SCHOOL, SPRING BREAK**

April 10 – PTC mtg., 3:00 p.m. in the elementary teacher's lounge.

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

April 12 – Rapid River Sports Boosters mtg., 4:30 p.m. in the library.

April 14 – No School, Good Friday.

April 21 –Kindergarten Registration, 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION

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

ELEMENTARY NEWS

Third and Fourth grades will enjoy a day of learning at Pictured Rocks in March. The funding is provided through the fourth grade Every Kid in a Park grant.

Third, Fourth, and Fifth grades will have a presentation sponsored by Peninsula Federal Credit Union in March. This will be a great opportunity for our students to learn about economics.

RAPID RIVER SCHOOLS RECEIVED EXXONMOBIL GRANT

For the 5th 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. Shannon Edwardsen and Kelly Dittrich of Rapid River Mini Mart nominated the school to receive the grant. Thank you for nominating us!

SPRING PROM

Prom this year will be Saturday, April 8th at the Rapid River Lions Club from 8:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. The theme is Cinderella, Bibbity Bobbity Boo.
Single - \$12.50 – Couples - \$25.00

MOM 2 MOM SALE

The second annual Mom 2 Mom Sale will be held Saturday, March 18th at the Rapid River School (use the elementary entrance) from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Admission is \$1.00 starting at 9:00 a.m. Early Bird Sale starts at 8:00 a.m. with admission \$2.00. Gently used children clothing and larger items will be for sale. For anyone interested in reserving one table for \$10.00 or two tables for \$15.00, please contact Brooke Lindbert at 280-7875 or brookes.prints@yahoo.com.

There will be concessions with donuts, hot dogs, walking tacos, chips, coffee and bottled water. Hope to see you there!

ROCKET RACK REOPENS

Tuesday March 9th, the Rocket Rack containing “gently” used clothing will be available at no cost to our students. The room is located close to the HS office and will be open Thursdays during Jr. High and High School lunches- 11:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. The room can be opened before and after school on a prearranged basis. If you are in need of clothing, would like to donate or just have a question, please contact Becky Calouette (school nurse) or Bill Warning.

SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMS

Every year, Michigan Tech hosts summer Youth Programs. Week explorations are designed to create awareness of, and stimulate interest in, the world of science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM). Students get to experience college life in a residence hall, explore campus, and meet others with similar interests. They enjoy team competitions, creative games, and tons of outdoor activities.

Two of the programs highlighted this year are Women in Engineering (WIE) and Engineering Scholars Program (ESP) for grades 9th – 11th. There is a nonrefundable registration fee of \$295.00. All selected participants receive a scholarship valued at more than \$1,000.00 which covers all tuition, classroom supplies and room and board.

If interested, please see Lollie for an application or apply online at www.syp.mtu.edu or contact the Center for Pre-College at 906-487-2219. Application deadlines are 5:00 p.m. Monday, April 10, 2017. For more information, please contact Michigan Tech Summer Youth Programs – WIE, Administration Building 217, 1400 Townsend Drive, Houghton, MI 49931-1295 or call toll-free 888-773-2655, Fax 906-487-1136, or email esp@mtu.edu or wie@mtu.edu.

LIBRARY NEWS

Thank you to Mrs. Mary Poma for donating more wonderful books for our elementary students and Mr. Duane Halvas of the UP Trappers Association for a year subscription to Fur-Fish-Game. Many of our students really enjoy this particular magazine. Mrs. Michelle Hadel, Mr. Mike Mohler, and Mrs. Mary Bovin have also donated many popular magazines. Mrs. Paula Schwartz donated a large box of beautiful middle school level books. These are greatly appreciated!

Please remind younger children to return their library books no later than their assigned library day: Monday-6th grade; Tuesday-Kindergarten-Kirby, 3rd, 4th, and 7th grades; Wednesday-Kindergarten-DeGrave, 1st, 2nd, and 8th grades; Friday – 5th grade. Call the library at 474-3512 with any questions, or leave a message with your name and number if we are unavailable. Thank you!

SECOND QUARTER HONOR ROLL

6th grade –3.69 to 3.30 – Megan Dausey, Eliana Junttila, Austin Rafuse, Ian Sundling, Lexie VanOss; 3.29 to 3.00 – Madison Couillard, Karmyn Schwartz, Kylie Wils
7th grade – 4.00 to 3.70 – Addie Christoff, Maddison Kee, Madilynn LaChance, Gabrielle Moss, Corey Novak; 3.69 to 3.30 – Bryce Buchbinder, Rease Dawley, Jace Holmio, Logan Lancour, Jersie Segerstrom, Gracie Stemick; 3.29 to 3.00 – Mason Lippold,

Jaiden McCarty, Kenzingtin Pepin, Brady Proehl
8th grade – 4.00 to 3.70 – Hannah Casey, Myah Pearson, Cecilia Pilon, Taylor VanOss; 3.69 to 3.30 – Madison Axtell, Ismael Hernandez, Ahna Larson; 3.29 to 3.00 – Natalie Belanger, Riley Edwardsen, Griffin Flath
9th grade – 4.00 to 3.70 – Collin Farnes, Lucas Gendron, Allison Gustafson, Garrett Novak; 3.69 to 3.30 – Azariah Hernandez, Brooke Lancour, Brooke Landis; 3.29 to 3.00 – Avery Closs, Brayden Moss
10th grade – 4.00 to 3.70 – Audrey Naeyaert, Erica Proehl, Jenna Rubick, Gwen Naeyaert; 3.69 to 3.30 – Cassidy Berg, Riley Christianson, Mason Kennedy, Brittany Schwartz, Sherry Vandeville, Emily Thibault; 3.29 to 3.00 – Joseph Davis-Holzenkamp, Gunnar Larson, Philip Monticello, Alexis Trombley
11th grade – 4.00 to 3.70 – Luke Gustafson, Logan Hardwick, Daren Landis, Levi Miller, Joseph Pilon; 3.69 to 3.30 – Takoda Hardwick, Julia Breault, Kailey Vietzke, Cameron Willemsen, Richelle Vandeville; 3.29 to 3.00 – Weston Hedges, Emily Johnson, Jarrett LaCasse, Shelby LaCosse
12th grade – 4.00 to 3.70 – Jared Anderson, Mason Berglund, Adrianna Breault, Rhiley Hubert, Ashlynn Pryal, Erica Rubick; 3.69 to 3.30 – Madison Bagwell, Conner Bryant, Samantha Hickman, Madelyn Moss, Hana Vanlerberghe

SECOND QUARTER 4TH & 5TH GRADE ACADEMIC AWARDS

4th grade – A-B's – Mason Johnson, Madison LaCrosse, Emma Sundling

Bug Award – Emma Sundling

Perfect Attendance – Madison LaCrosse, Emma Sundling

5th grade – All A's – Kayla Farnes

A-B's – Everett Belanger, Tucker Carlson, Erin Dedic, Conner Kee, Gracie Murray, Amber Proehl, Samantha Simmons, Ethan Wennesheimer

Perfect Attendance – Tucker Carlson, Erin Dedic, Evan Horwitz, Ava McCarty, Nickolas Raspor, Aron Sefcik, Leondrea Vietzke

Bug Award – Kayla Farnes

ACADEMIC AWARDS

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.

Class of 2019: Audrey Naeyaert, Erica Proehl, Jenna Rubick, Emily Thibault

Class of 2018: Luke Gustafson, Shelby LaCrosse

These students were awarded their academic letter. Way to go kids! We are so proud of your accomplishments!

School Improvement Team

BUILDING USE

I would like to remind parents that Rapid River does not have anyone to supervise students in our building after school. We encourage students and our community to utilize our facility but we are in need of parent volunteers to help make this happen. Students that are staying after school for an event need to be supervised by an adult. If you are able to supervise your son or daughter once in a while along with a small group of students, perhaps we can capture other volunteers to help. Some examples of exceptions after school include tutoring, building use permits for the weight room, or when it is supervised by a coach. I understand it is difficult to move students back and forth after school for evening events. That is one reason we are looking for parent volunteers to help supervise after school until an evening event starts. Please contact the school if you are interested in supervising students. Thank you, Mr. Warning.

ATHLETIC EVENTS

Boys JV & Varsity Basketball

March

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Track

May 11 Rapid River Invite

May 18 MHSAA Regional

May 23 SCC Conference Meet

We are always looking for adult/parent or recent alumni volunteers for track meets in the spring. We are hosting three large medal meets.

Full track schedule to come.

INDIAN ED

We had our annual family tubing party on February 8th with 19 adults and 28 students participating. It was a fun time for all! Mr. Keller has planned cultural classes for grades 2-5: February-Medicine Wheel, March-Pendent Necklaces, April-Anishnabeg Living, and May-Native Plant Walk/Sacred Fire. All cultural is traditional based on the Teaching of the Seven Grandfathers.

Mr. Pilon continues to be very busy helping students to improve their academics. If you feel your son/daughter needs improvement or help, please call our office at 474-3572.

Our 2nd annual Spring Feast is at 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 23rd in the HS cafeteria. We will honor our Indian Ed seniors at this time. There will be lots of delicious food and a giveaway. Mr. Pilon, Mr. Keller and Lollie hope to see another good turnout of our families.

CLEAN UP COMMITTEE

The Clean-up Committee is looking for volunteers to help load and haul unused items that are no longer used to various drop off locations. Please call or text Brooke @ 280-7875 for more information if you would be willing to lend a hand!

READING MONTH

March is reading month. Our theme this year is Happy Campers. We'll have reading programs, extra activities, and our school will be filled with camping decorations.

KINDERGARTEN/YOUNG 5 REGISTRATIONS

Registration for children who will be five by September 1, 2017 will be held on Friday, April 21st from 8:00–2:00.

New Young 5's should also register if 5 by December 1, 2017 and will be required to sign a waiver.

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

SPRING BREAK

There will be no school beginning Monday, March 27th for Spring Break. School will resume Monday, April 3rd.

SCHOOL BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

Regular Mtg., January 9, 2017

Director of Non-Instructional Personnel Kevin Beaver updated board members on winter conditions with salting and sanding.

Principal Bill Warning updated board members on Dibels testing, semester end events, dual enrollment and Souper Bowl 2 PTO fundraiser.

Superintendent Jay Kulbertis updated board members on state level information-Lame Duck, third grade reading, state income tax fix, school employee fund.

Beth Larson's fifth grade students Evan Horwitz, Erin Dedic, Aron Sefcik, Gracie Murray, Blake Lundquist and Amber Proehl provided details on

the 5th grade overnight Clear Lake trip request.

Flo Anderson thanked board members, on behalf of the RREA. Flo presented them with books donated to the library on their behalf.

Motion made and approved:

-to elect Karen Lundquist president; Michelle Denkins, Vice President; Edwin LaCosse as Secretary and Albert Wickham as Treasurer
-to appoint members to various sub-committees and other various committees-

Transporation: Edwin LaCosse, Albert Wickham, Brooke Lindbert

Finance: Karen Lundquist, Michelle Denkins, Lisa Kanyuh

Building & Ground: Edwin LaCosse, Albert Wickham, Lisa Kanyuh (BrookeLindbert-alternate)

Policy &Personnel: Karen Lundquist, George Kanyuh, Brooke Lindbert

Dual Superintendency: Karen Lundquist, George Kanyuh (Michelle Denkins-alternate)

Clean-Up: Michelle Denkins, Lisa Kanyuh, Brooke Lindbert
-to hold regular monthly meetings on the second Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Tri-Township School Library.
-to accept donations from Brian and Sally Erkkila(\$25), Rapid River Four Township Senior Citizens (\$50), and Gary and Gail Hall (\$25) for the backpack program; and Exxon Mobil for a \$500 grant for the math/science program.

Regular Mtg., February 13, 2017

Director of Non-Instructional personnel Kevin Beaver updated

board members on bus inspections, 5 year maintenance plan, vending machine sales and door security.

Principal Bill Warning updated board members on snowcoming events, book fair, 11th grade career day and March reading month.

Brooke Lindbert reviewed the policy and personnel committee meeting; and the clean-up committee meeting.

Superintendent Jay Kulbertis updated board members on the state budget, revenue conference, income tax fix, and state income tax repeal proposal.

Key Club members Jared Anderson, Riley Hubert, Luke Gustafson and Jarrett LaCasse provided details on the Key Club District Convention overnight trip request to Green Bay.

Seniors Jared Anderson and Riley Hubert provided details on the Senior Class overnight trip request to Chicago.

Motion made and approved:

-to approve the Key Club District Convention overnight trip request
-to approve the Senior Class overnight trip request.
-to approve Neola policy update Volume 31.
-to accept a \$1,820.38 donation from Delta County Community Foundation for the backpack program.

For complete minutes go to our website at

www.rapidriver.k12.mi.us.

