

REACH OUT RAPID RIVER

Rapid River Public School's Newsletter

May 2017

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 1 – PTC mtg., 3:00 p.m. in the elementary teacher's lounge.

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

May 24 - Sports Physicals

May 29 – **No School** – Memorial Day

June 5 – PTC mtg., 3:00 p.m. in the elementary teacher's lounge.

June 8 - Last Day of School; 11:30 dismissal; Breakfast will be served; No Lunch

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

SENIOR EVENTS

May 19 – 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 22 – Senior Awards Program, 7:30 p.m. in the elementary gym

May 23 - 24 – Senior Class Trip

May 26 – Senior breakfast at 8:30 a.m.; Graduation rehearsal and decorating to follow

May 27 – Graduation at 7:00 p.m. in the high school gym

REPORT CARDS/ DIPLOMAS

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

SUMMER SCHOOL

Federal funding has been made available for summer school to be held again this year at Rapid River Public Schools. Our teaching and administrative staff will be reviewing student performance to determine which of our students would benefit most from this great opportunity. Letters have been sent to parents of perspective students. We will follow up with parents as the program is finalized.

RAPID RIVER SPORTS BOOSTERS

The Rapid River Sports Boosters will be hosting "Horse Pucky Bingo". The two games will take place Monday, May 29th following the Rapid River Memorial Day Parade. Squares will be available for purchase before, during and after the parade. The first game will be held at 2:00 p.m. The second game will be held at 3:30 p.m. Squares for the second game will be sold after 2:00 p.m. Each square will be \$20.00. The winner for each game will receive \$500.00 each. You do not have to be present to win. Please help support the Rapid River Sports Boosters.

PTC NEWS

Join the fun at the 1st annual Ladies Gala 2017, Friday, May 12th. This fun event will be held at the Rapid River Lions Club from 7:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. Tickets are \$25.00

in advance or \$30.00 at the door.

Your ticket includes: Sway Bag upon entry filled with: 2017 Ladies Gala Pub Glass, Rocket Bar from Saykly's, three drink tickets, one door prize entry, a LulaRoe scratch off ticket, a Thirty-One \$10.00 off coupon and more!

Register at Eventbrite.

www.eventbrite.com/e/ladies-gala-2017-tickets-33723683445.

Music by Taylored Entertainment. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres and desserts. Visit the PTC facebook for more information.

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 any questions about either program or are interested in completing an application for enrollment.

RAPID RIVER TALENT SHOW

The Rapid River School Talent Show will be held on Sunday, May 14th at 2:00 p.m. in the elementary gym. The cost is \$4.00 for adults; \$3.00 for students/senior citizens, Free admission for the performers and children under 5.

Students, teachers, community members may showcase their talents. Sign-up sheets are available in both school offices.

Come and support the school.

THIRD QUARTER HONOR ROLL

6th grade – 4.00 to 3.70 – Megan Dausey; 3.69 to 3.30 – Madison Couillard, Eliana Junttila, Shaun Nelson, Austin Rafuse, Ian Sundling, Lexie Van Oss; 3.29 to 3.00 – Abigail Carlson, Maizie Nelson, 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 – Logan Lancour, Kenzingtin Pepin, Jersie Segerstrom, Gracie Stemick; 3.29 to 3.00 – Bryce Buchbinder, Rease Dawley, Jaiden McCarty

8th grade – 4.00 to 3.70 – Hannah Casey, Ahna Larson, Myah Pearson, Cecilia Pilon, Taylor VanOss; 3.69 to 3.30 – Madison Axtell, Griffin Flath, Ismael Hernandez; 3.29 to 3.00 – Natalie Belanger, Aiden Christianson, Parker Dausey, Vanessa Deneau, Kathleen Hickman, Mason Kudlick

9th grade – 4.00 to 3.70 – Collin Farnes, Lucas Gendron, Allison Gustafson, Garrett Novak; 3.69 to 3.30 – Avery Closs, Azariah Hernandez, Brooke Lancour, Brooke Landis, Braydon Moss; 3.29 to 3.00 – Noah Sefcik

10th grade – 4.00 to 3.70 – Audrey Naeyaert, Erica Proehl, Jenna Rubick, Emily Thibault, Sherry Vandeville; 3.69 to 3.30 – Cassidy Berg, Riley Christianson, Joseph Davis-Holzenkamp, Mason Kennedy, Gwendolyn Naeyaert, Brittany Schwartz, Jaden Schwartz; 3.29 to 3.00 – Noah Gustafson, Leonard Menary, Elizabeth Moberg, Philip Monticello, Alexis Trombley

11th grade – 4.00 to 3.70 – Luke

Gustafson, Daren Landis; 3.69 to 3.30 – Logan Hardwick, Takoda Hardwick, Jarrett LaCasse, Levi Miller, Joseph Pilon, Richelle Vandeville, Cameron Willemsen; 3.29 to 3.00 – Julia Breault, Gavin Harris, Emily Johnson, Aleece Paulin

12th grade – 4.00 to 3.70 – Jared Anderson, Madison Bagwell, Mason Berglund, Adrianna Breault, Rhiley Hubert, Madelyn Moss, Ashlynn Pryal, Erica Rubick; 3.69 to 3.30 – Conner Bryant, Samantha Hickman, Austin Wicklund; 3.29 to 3.00 – Daniel Brodock, Tyler Channel, Chad Doneau

THIRD QUARTER 4TH & 5TH GRADE ACADEMIC AWARDS

4th grade –A-B's – Emma Sundling, Ian Loper, Colton Beauchamp, Clay Christoff, Mason Johnson, Madison LaCrosse

Bug Award – Colton Beauchamp

5th grade – A-B's – Everett Belanger, Tucker Carlson, Erin Dedic, Kayla Farnes, Conner Kee, Amber Proehl

Perfect Attendance – Erin Dedic, Nathan Moore, Nickolas Raspor, Colton Stemick

STUDENT OF THE QUARTER

The School Improvement Team is announcing the, “Student of the Quarter” for 9th – 12th grades. 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”. The teachers use the following criteria to make their selections; grades, attitude, participation, and improvement.

The students that were selected for the 3rd Quarter of the 2016 – 2017 school year. Logan Hardwick, Science Department; Julia Breault, English Department; Samantha Hickman, Fine Arts Department; Daniela Isacc, Physical Education; Collin Farnes, Math Department; and Brooke Landis, Social Studies Department. The Teacher of the Quarter is Mr. Greg Rubick.

SALMON IN THE CLASSROOM

The Salmon in the Classroom Program would like to thank the UP Sport Fishermen Group of Escanaba for purchasing an advanced water quality probe for our fish tank. The probes will be used to test water quality. This will help us to better care for our Chinook salmon that we are growing in our tank.

The Salmon in the Classroom project was started a couple of years ago, and we have had great success each year.

This year we started with 150 salmon eyed eggs from the Thompson Fish Hatchery. At this point we still have approximately 135 swim up fry in our tank. The 5th and 6th grade students help with water testing and feeding. Mr. Pilon is in charge of helping students with water testing and Austin Wicklund, a high school senior, is in charge of tank maintenance. We plan to release the salmon in the Whitefish River this spring.

THANK YOU

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

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

The National Honor Society of Rapid River would like to announce our new members: Julie Breault, Gwendolyn Naeyaert, Audrey Naeyaert, Erica Proehl, Luke Gustafson, Takoda Hardwick Jenna Rubick, JJ Pilon, Daren Landis, Cassidy Berg, and Brittany Schwartz. Our induction ceremony dinner was held Sunday, April 9th.

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 this 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.

INDIAN ED

Sunday, April 23rd was our annual Spring Feast which was well-attended. We honored our 2 graduating seniors: Bryce Lippold-Little Traverse Bay Band of Odawa Indians, and Sean Harris-Swan Creek Black River Confederated Ojibwa Tribes of Michigan. Chi-migwetch to Dave and Judy Keller and Mike and Julie Pilon for all their help with the Feast, Gail Rice from Escanaba Indian Ed, who made the customized dream catchers for our 2 young men, and to all the families who came to make the feast another success!

Mr. Keller will close the cultural program year with the annual 5th grade Native Plant Walk/Sacred Fire at our school's Outdoor Classroom. Mr. Pilon will continue tutoring students through final exams. It's very gratifying to see so many students and teachers taking advantage of his services. Chi-migwetch to both these fine men who add so much to our program!

Please check out the details on NMU's CNAS-sponsored STEM Summer Youth Academy for ALL High School students completing grades 10, 11, and 12. It runs from June 18th - 30th and is completely FREE! Four college credits are possible for graduates planning on attending NMU in the fall.

SCHOOL BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

Regular Mtg., March 14, 2017

Director of Non-Instructional personnel Kevin Beaver updated board members on upcoming maintenance projects – rekeying doors, FOB doors, electrical issues and maintenance proposals.

Brooke Lindbert volunteered and was appointed to the 2017 Scholarship Committee.

Motion made and approved:

- to approve budget amendment 2
- to approve refunding of school site bonds resolution
- the approval of the district to cover graduation costs of diplomas, plaques, pins, and chords
- to approve the amendment of item G of senior class trip policy to read “An administrator, or designee, must be present at the departure.”
- to approve the hire of Kurt Almonroeder as Junior High Boys Track Coach.

- to approve a procedure for recognizing and honoring outstanding community volunteers.
- to approve payment of bond accounts payable.

Regular Mtg., April 10, 2017

Director of Non-Instructional personnel Kevin Beaver discussed current projects-concession stand water will be turned on this week, continuing Ed for bus drivers this Saturday, community service crew, flag is up at the high school, Roger sanitized everything during spring break, and gym resurface and redo bid cost.

Principal Bill Warning discussed upcoming school events – SAT, MME, MSTEP and Dibels testing, field trips, kindergarten registration and the Eureka Math program.

Jay Kulbertis discussed a letter he received from the Department of Education; mentioned no surprises in the State budget and the State Superintendent's upcoming visit.

Motion made and approved:

- to approve the Generation E trip request.
- to approve investigating advertising options for new scoreboard.
- to approve the cost of resurfacing the high school and elementary gym floors.
- to accept donations from Bruursema Financial, \$250; Trudy Boyer, \$100; Delta County Courthouse, 2 benches; Bay de Noc Great Lakes Sport Fishermen, \$581; Elmer's County Market, \$25; Calvary Lutheran Church/Rapid River Relic Riders, 158.50; Community Foundation for Delta County, \$2,000; and the Community Foundation of the Upper Peninsula, \$7160 grant.

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

LIBRARY NEWS

As we close out the year, please pay attention to overdue notices that may come home. Also thank you to those parents/guardians who have been so prompt in paying for lost books. This allows us to replace popular titles that didn't come back.

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 grade. Wednesday-Kindergarten-DeGrave, 1st, 2nd, and 8th grades; Friday-5th grade.

Call the library at 474-3512 with any question, or leave a message if we are not available. Thank you!

STEM SUMMER YOUTH ACADEMY

June 18th - 20th, 2017 NMU is hosting a STEM Summer Youth Academy for **ALL** High School students completing grades 10, 11, and 12. **FREE COLLEGE CREDIT** can be earned with admission to NMU. This is a two week residential camp with all expenses paid! (you must provide your own transportation to NMU)

Explore College – Week 1:

Students will stay in the residence halls on the campus with meals at the food court-style Wildcat Den.

GO WILD – Week 2:

Students will be bused to Camp Nesbitt, Ottawa Nat'l Forest, in the SW Upper Peninsula. The 30 acre camp includes 12 cabins, dining hall, recreation hall, outdoor pavilion, swimming beach, archery range, hiking trails, rope courses, and other outdoor amenities. There

will be fun evening activities, including cultural astronomy and stories around the fire.

Applications are in the HS office; online (www.nmu.edu/reimagineSTEM), or see Lollie. Deadline is Monday, May 15th.

SPORTS PHYSICALS

Annual sports examinations will be Monday, May 24th, at 5:30 p.m. for girls and 6:45 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. 513) at 474-6411.

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. May 11th, 12th, and 13th are the days for hauling. Please call or text Brooke @ 280-7875 for more information if you would be willing to lend a hand!

ATHLETIC EVENTS

High School Track

May

9	Bark River	3:30
11	Rapid River	2:00
12	Gladstone	6:30
16	Bark River	3:30
18	Rapid River	2:00
23	Rapid River	2:00

June

3	Kingsford	10:00*
	UP Finals	

Junior High Track

May

1	Munising	4:00
4	Bark River	4:00
9	Munising	4:00
15	Rapid River	1:30

Girls' Softball

May

3	Manistique	Away	4:00
4	Bark River	Away	4:00
6	Kingsford	Away	TBD
8	Marquette	Home	4:00
13	Escanaba	Away	TBD
15	Munising	Away	4:00
17	Marquette	Home	4:00
25	Sup Central	Home	4:00

*Central Time

SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM

The Summer Food Service program was created to ensure that children in lower-income areas could continue to receive nutritious meals during long school vacations, when they do not have access to the National School Lunch or School Breakfast Programs. To find the nearest Summer Food Service program go to the following website: http://www.mcgi.state.mi.us/school_nutrition/.