

# REACH OUT RAPID RIVER

Rapid River Public Schools' Newsletter

October/November 2017

## RAPID RIVER SCHOOLS FOUNDATION

**What is the Rapid River Schools Foundation?** Your foundation is a charitable, not-for-profit organization whose mission is to support students of the Rapid River school system by funding programs aimed at providing an extra edge in today's competitive world. The Foundation encourages alumni, area residents and friends to help provide special benefits to our students.

### Vision Statement

The vision of the Rapid River Schools Foundation is to provide an enhanced educational experience to every Rapid River student, which will empower them to reach their greatest potential, through the creation of an Endowment Fund, which will support educational programs and projects, year after year.

### Once a Rocket, Always a Rocket!

The Rapid River Public Schools are an academic institution to be proud of! As a former student, it's where you learned to read and write, where you got your start in the life you lead today. Rapid River has a fine tradition of offering its graduates a firm foundation on which to build, and this tradition means the same thing to students of today, as it did when you were enrolled.

This year, in an effort to further that tradition, the Rapid River Schools Foundation was formed. The objective of the Foundation is to provide resources that might otherwise be unavailable because of budget constraints public schools often face. The Foundation is unique in that most of its resources will be used to fund projects proposed by innovative teachers who are in the classroom each and every day providing the quality educational experience that we have come to

know and expect from the Rapid River school system.

It means something to be part of the Rapid River community. You can help ensure that this fine tradition continues by providing the resources our innovative teachers need to enhance the education of the next generation of Rapid River Rockets. Keep the tradition of a superior education alive--donate to the Rapid River Schools Foundation today! If you have any questions, please contact Jay Kulbertis at 906-474-6411.

### Contribute to the Rapid River Schools Foundation

You can impact the educational experience of our next generation... contribute to the enhancement of our fine school system... and lend a helping hand to the long-term process of student education. Your contributions, both large and small, enable the Foundation to foster the district's educational efforts. Once again, we are asking for your support. Contributions can be made payable to the Rapid River Schools Foundation. Mail your gift to: **Rapid River Schools Foundation**, 10070 US Highway 2, Rapid River, MI 49878

### INDIAN ED

Our tutorial program has gotten off to a great start as Mr. Pilon has been very busy! Indian Education is very fortunate to have him. Mr. Keller is working on cultural presentations for grades 2-5, and we're pleased to announce that Keith Knecht will be doing his Michigan History presentation to our 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade classes on Thursday, November 9<sup>th</sup>. This is possible through the generosity of the Sault Tribe's 2% monies. All of our culture is done through this grant. If you know you have American Indian ancestry but are not in our program, please call our office at 474-3572 or stop in either office and fill out a 506 form. It doesn't cost anything and it does so much!

## GOLDEN ROCKET AWARD

The Rapid River School Board would like to recognize individuals in our community that go above and beyond, volunteering their services and time, benefiting the school, students and/or staff.

If you would like to nominate someone you can get a form in the office or go to our school website and click on the golden rocket icon.

## LIBRARY

The year has gotten off to a great start with only a few students forgetting to return books. Grandma Janet, Karen, Julie and I are very thankful for that! If any student is interested in authors/books we currently don't have, please talk to one of us.

### Wanted: Old Pictures of Rapid River

We would like to have a display of pictures around our library depicting Rapid River's history in the 1800's through 1970's. If anyone has any pictures we could make copies of, please call us at 474-3512 and leave a message or stop in. You can also call Lollie at 474-3572.

## PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

Conferences will be Thursday, November 9 from 1:00 – 6:00 p.m. Notes will be sent home with scheduled times for K-5 students.

Grades 6-12 parents may pick up their student's report card in the high school office. No appointments will be made. If parents are unable to attend, the student will receive his/her report card the following day.

## STUDENT COUNCIL 2017/18 OFFICERS

President – Cassidy Micheau  
Vice President – Shelby LaCosse  
Secretary – Jenna Rubick  
Treasurer – Emily Thibault

## SCHOOL BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

### Regular Mtg., August 14, 2017

Jay Kulbertis provided an overview on Technology projects and discussed the sale of the salad bar cart and band instruments as well as the approval of the district's 501(3)c and superintendent evaluation.

#### **Motion made and approved:**

-to approve a one day/overnight extension for the 2019 graduating class provided all district requirements are met.

-to accept letter of resignation from Jay Jurkovich as Varsity Volleyball Coach

-to approve Julie Pilon as Freshman Class Advisor

The board thanked the Rapid River Memorial Day Parade Committee for the \$1,220.40 donation to school clubs.

Patti Monticello will be Junior class co-advisor with J lee Schwartz.

### Regular Mtg., September 11, 2017

Principal Bill Warning discussed high school schedules, student enrollment and DIBELS testing. Jay Kulbertis updated board members on the start of school, the lunch program and encouraged board members to sign up for MASB Board Certification Courses offered at the DSISD in October.

#### **Motion made and approved:**

-to approve the hire of Anthony Perino as special education teacher and Nicole Landers as an instructional aide.

For complete minutes go to our website at

[www.rapidriver.k12.mi.us](http://www.rapidriver.k12.mi.us).

## ELEMENTARY NEWS

Our staff would like to give a shout out to all the volunteers that worked over the summer and the beginning of the school year. Our grounds are looking good!

Our Detective-themed summer school was a hit! Our assessment data showed that students who had consistent attendance during the five weeks, showed nice improvements.

Our open house was well attended. It was great to see the returning students and meet all the new faces.

## ATHLETIC EVENTS

### Varsity Football

#### October

6	Stephenson	Home	7:00
13	N. Central	Home	7:00
Homecoming Game			
21	Sup. Central	Away	1:00

### Junior Varsity Football

#### October

6	Stephenson	Home	4:00
13	N. Central	Home	4:00
19	Engadine	Away	6:00

### Junior High Football

#### October

3	C.F.F.P.	Home	6:00
19	Holy Name	Home	6:00
26	Stephenson	Away	6:00

### Girls' Volleyball

#### October

3	N. Dickinson	Away	6:00
5	Sup. Central	Home	6:00
7	JV/V NMU	Away	9:00
10	Big Bay	Away	6:00
12	C.F.F.P.	Home	6:00
17	Munising	Home	6:00
19	Mid Pen	Home	6:00
23	Gladstone-JV	Home	6:00
24	Sup. Central	Away	6:00
26	N. Central	Home	6:00

### Girls' Junior High Basketball

#### October

2	Big Bay	Away	6:00
3	Gladstone	Home	6:00
9	Manistique	Home	6:00
16	Sup. Central	Home	6:00

### Cross Country

#### October

5	Gladstone	4:00
	Beachamp Grove	
11	N. Central	2:00
	Skyline Central Conf	
17	Norway	4:30
	Strawberry Lake	
21	Munising	TBA
	U.P. Finals	

### Boy's Junior High Basketball

#### October

25	Mid Pen	Home	6:00
30	Manistique	Away	6:00

## SCHOOL FUNDRAISERS

October 2017

Class of 2018 – Wreaths

Class of 2019 – Rye Bread

Class of 2020 – Pies

PTC – Little Caesars Pizza

Student Council – Carmel Apples

## HOMEcoming ACTIVITIES

Rapid River homecoming football game is Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. against North Central. JV plays at 4:00 p.m. Tailgating starts at 5:30 and the King and Queen will be crowned during the halftime program of the football game.

The high school homecoming dance is Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. in the school's high school cafeteria. Cost is \$8.00/person. This year's theme is "Groovy Hippy".

Homecoming Court:

Seniors - Shelby LaCrosse, Kailey Vietzke, Liz Goodacre, Logan Hardwick, Gavin Harris, Darin Landis; Juniors – Brittany Schwartz, Zach Narkooli; Sophmores – Brook Landis, Cole Gustafson; Freshman – Taylor VanOss, Matthew Salka

Homecoming week activities for grades 6-12 include: **Monday** – Color Day, **Tuesday** – Drab or Fab Day, **Wednesday** – Hawaiian Day, **Thursday** – Hippie Day, **Friday** – Purple and Gold Day.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**October 2** – PTC mtg., 3:00 p.m. in the elementary teacher's lounge.

**October 9** – Board of Education mtg., 6:30 p.m. in the library.

**October 11** - Sports Boosters mtg., 5:00 p.m. in the library.

**October 13** – 11:00 a.m. Dismissal – Teacher In-service. No lunch served.

**November 9** – 11:00 a.m. Dismissal – Parent Teacher Conference 1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. No lunch served.

**November 13** – Board of Education mtg., 6:30 p.m. in the library.

**November 15** – No School – Deer Day.

**November 22-24** – No School – Thanksgiving Break.

## PTC

Please remember to send in your box tops.

Ten cents is earned for each one you send in, which totals up to almost \$1,000.00 each year that benefits the students and teachers. Thank you.

## HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL

Trick or Treating will be October 31 from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. The Halloween Carnival will follow from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. for children fifth grade and under. There will be games, raffles and food.

