

# REACH OUT RAPID RIVER

Rapid River Public School's Newsletter

March/April 2018

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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

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

**March 16**-11:00 a.m. Dismissal,  
Teacher In-service Day. Lunch will  
be served.

**March 23**-11:00 a.m. Dismissal,  
End of Marking Period. Lunch will  
be served.

**March 26 - 30 – NO SCHOOL,  
SPRING BREAK**

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

**April 9** – School Board mtg., 6:30  
p.m. in the library.

**April 13** –Kindergarten  
Registration, 8:00 a.m.-  
2:00 p.m.

## ROCKET RACK

The Rocket Rack containing  
“gently” used clothing has been a  
huge success. There is no cost to our  
students for the items they may find  
useful. 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.

Please contact Becky Calouette  
(school nurse) or Bill Warning with  
any questions you may have. Thank  
you to everyone for the wonderful  
donations but at this time we are not  
able to store the donations. We will  
accept them again in the fall.

## SPRING PROM

Prom this year will be Saturday,  
April 28<sup>th</sup> at the Rapid River Lions  
Club from 8:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

The theme this year is:  
“A Diamond Studded Affair”.  
Single - \$12.50 – Couples - \$25.00

## GOLDEN ROCKET AWARD

The Rapid River School Board  
continues 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.

## ATHLETIC EVENTS

Boys Basketball Districts will be  
March 7, 2018 in Munising. The  
Rockets will play at 7:45 against the  
winner of Munising/Superior Central.

## SECOND QUARTER 4<sup>TH</sup> & 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE ACADEMIC AWARDS

**4<sup>th</sup> grade – A-B's** – Aubrey Olson,  
Jacie Tuljus

**Bug Award** – Elizabeth Swayer  
**Perfect Attendance** – Gabe  
Edwardsen, Jacie Tuljus

**5<sup>th</sup> grade – A-B's** - Clay Christoff,  
Ava Damon, Adam Frappier,  
Madison LaCrosse, Hailey Paquette  
**Perfect Attendance** – Georgia  
Richmond, Emma Sundling, Karsyn  
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## KINDERGARTEN/YOUNG 5 REGISTRATIONS

Registration for children who will  
be five by September 1, 2018 will be  
held on Friday, April 13<sup>th</sup> from 8:00  
a.m.–2:00 p.m.

New Young 5's should also register  
if 5 by December 1, 2018 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.

## LIBRARY NEWS

Recently our school library has  
been the beneficiary of many generous  
donations from the Peterson  
Endowment Fund/Calvary Church, the  
Rapid River Relic Riders, and Reading  
Buddies. Monies from these wonderful  
organizations will be used to create a  
special Accelerated Reading books  
section, update elementary non-fiction,  
and add to our elementary fiction. The  
money from the Rapid River Relic  
Riders and Reading Buddies was given  
in memory, of the late Sally  
Constantino, who was active in our  
school for many years.

We also received donations of  
beautiful books from Mr. Tony Perino,  
Mrs. Regina Murray, and the Rapid  
River Educational Assn (in honor of  
our School Board). The District 3 UP  
Trappers Assn gave a subscription to  
Fur-Fish Game magazine. Thank you  
so very much to all these wonderful  
people!

## SECOND QUARTER HONOR ROLL

**6<sup>th</sup> grade** –4.00 to 3.70 – Tucker Carlson; 3.69 to 3.30 – Everett Belanger, Emma Bowden, Erin Dedic, Ava McCarty, Peyton McKeage; 3.29 to 3.00 – Myles Anderson, Morgan Dawley, Rachel Johnson, Conner Kee, Blake Lundquist, Nathan Moore, Amber Proehl, Ethan Wennesheimer

**7<sup>th</sup> grade** – 4.00 to 3.70 – Eliana Junttila; 3.69 to 3.30 – Madison Couillard, Megan Dausey, Zander Makosky, Shaun Nelson, Austin Rafuse, Ian Sundling; 3.29 to 3.00 – Cydnie Carignan, Zach McNally

**8<sup>th</sup> grade** – 4.00 to 3.70 – Maddison Kee, Madilynne LaChance, Gabrielle Moss, Corey Novak; 3.69 to 3.30 – Addie Christoff, Kenzingtin Pepin, Gracie Stemick, Kyra Stumpf; 3.29 to 3.00 – Kruzz Makosky

**9<sup>th</sup> grade** – 4.00 to 3.70 – Hannah Casey, Jaqueline Gillman, Kathleen Hickman, Myah Pearson, Cecilia Pilon, Quenna Spriks, Taylor VanOss; 3.69 to 3.30 – Madison Axtell, Griffin Flath, Zeta Keys; 3.29 to 3.00 – Natalie Belanger, Riley Edwardsen, Ismael Hernandez, Mason Kudlick, Maxwell Lenaker

**10<sup>th</sup> grade** – 4.00 to 3.70 – Lucas Gendron, Allison Gustafson, Azariah Hernandez, Brooke Landis, Garrett Novak, Aerianna Spriks; 3.69 to 3.30 – Avery Closs, Braydon Moss; 3.29 to 3.00 – Juan Isaac, Mya Paulin

**11<sup>th</sup> grade** – 4.00 to 3.70 – Audrey Naeyaert, Gwendolyn Naeyaert, Erica Proehl, Jenna Rubick, Emily Thibault, Sherry Vandeville; 3.69 to 3.30 – Cassidy Berg, Riley Christianson, Joseph Davis-Holzenkamp, Mason Kennedy, Brittany Schwartz, Jaden

Schwartz, Alexis Trombley; 3.29 to 3.00 – Payten Berg, Gunnar Larson, Elizabeth Moberg, Nathaniel Olson, Nathan Sundling

**12<sup>th</sup> grade** – 4.00 to 3.70 – Logan Hardwick, Takoda Hardwick, Weston Hedges, Emily Johnson, Jarrett LaCasse, Shelby LaCosse, Daren Landis, Levi Miller, Joseph Pilon, Kailey Vietzke; 3.69 to 3.30 – Richelle Vandeville; 3.29 to 3.00 – David Alvarado, Cameron Willemsen

## RAPID RIVER SCHOOLS FOUNDATION

The objective of the Foundation is to provide resources that might otherwise be unavailable because of budget constraints public schools often face.

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.

Thank you to the ones that have made a donation to the foundation. The foundation is 501© (3) – tax exempt.

## SPRING BREAK

There will be no school beginning Monday, March 26<sup>th</sup> for Spring Break. School will resume Monday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>.

## 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:** Gwen Naeyaert, Riley Christianson, Sherry Vandeville

**Class of 2020:** Lucas Gendron, Allison Gustafson, Garrett Novak

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

School Improvement Team

## FUZZBUSTER GAME

Rapid River Senior class will take on local law enforcement for the annual Fuzzbuster game, Wednesday, April 4<sup>th</sup>. The doors open at 5:30 in the high school gym. Admission is \$3.00 student; \$5.00 adult or \$12.00 for a family. There will be kid activities, including a hoop shoot and airplane toss. The Seniors will also have a fear factor challenge. Come see who will be in jail.

## READING MONTH

March is reading month. Our theme this year is 'Paws' for good books. We'll have reading programs and extra activities all month.

Our students will have their 'paws' on books.



## **SCHOOL BOARD HIGHLIGHTS**

### **Regular Mtg., December 11, 2017**

The board recognized the Golden Rocket Volunteer Awardee – 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade football coaches – Craig Lancour, James Nelson, Kyle Frisk, Jeff Miller.

Pro-Towing, Ryan Lindbert was recognized for his help with the flower beds.

Brian Haack was recommended by Rick Pepin as the JV boys/ basketball coach.

Rapid River School Board thanked Rapid River Mini Mart, Exxon Mobil, Jessica Spriks and Kelly Kennedy for their donations.

Delta Schoolcraft Intermediate School District Superintendent Doug Leisenring provided a handout and an overview on the services that the ISD provides to Rapid River Schools.

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

-to approve the hire of Emily Peck as instructional aide.

-to accept letter of retirement from Kevin Beaver.

### **Organizational Mtg.,**

#### **January 8, 2018**

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

-to elect Michelle Denkins as President; George Kanyuh as Vice President; Edwin LaCosse as Secretary; Albert Wickham as Treasurer.

-to hold regular monthly meetings on the second Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Tri-Township School Library.

Michelle Denkins appointed members to various sub-committees and other various committees: Transportation: Edwin LaCosse, Albert Wickham, Brooke Lindbert. Finance: Karen Lundquist, Michelle Denkins, Lisa Kanyuh. Building & Grounds: Edwin LaCosse, Albert Wickham, Lisa Kanyuh (Brooke

Lindbert – alternate). Policy & Personnel: Karen Lundquist, George Kanyuh, Michelle Denkins, (Brooke Lindbert – alternate). Dual Superintendency: Karen Lundquist, George Kanyuh (Michelle Denkins – alternate)

The board discussed goals for 2018. An overall statement of supporting academic excellence through responsible leadership was described, with a variety of focus areas: board accountability, improved communication, board training, proactive mindset and governance standards.

The board created an ad hoc committee to work on the goals as well as to consider mission and vision statements. George Kanyuh, Michelle Denkins and Lisa Kanyuh will serve on this committee.

### **Regular Mtg., January 8, 2018**

Director of Non-Instructional Personnel Kevin Beaver updated board members on maintenance that was performed over winter break – electrical maintenance, floor maintenance, carpet cleaning. Michelle Denkins questioned the possibility of installing a light on the back entrance road.

Senior class advisors Toni Miller, Michele Breault, and Lori Landis provided details on the overnight class trip to Chicago.

The board discussed setting a committee meeting schedule. Transportation committee would meet annually; Finance, and Policy and Personnel committees would meet monthly; and Building and Grounds committee, and Dual Superintendency Counsel would meet quarterly.

Beth Larson, representing the RREA, thanked board members for their service and presented the board with books donated to the library on their behalf. Members were also given

a thank you card and a rocket candy bar.

George Kanyuh discussed the many accomplishments the board was able to do last year including but not limited to: establishing a cleanup committee, making critical personnel changes, improving building and grounds, sale of excess school equipment, establishing a 501 (3)c, performing maintenance upgrades, rewriting of job descriptions, and updating building security.

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

-to approve the senior class overnight trip to Chicago on the contingency that the rest of the money was raised and hotel security was provided.

-to approve Thrun Law Firm as legal retainer for the district.

### **Special Mtg.; January 22, 2018**

Doug Leisenring from DSISD provided a detailed timeline synopsis on the process of the State cancellation of the Early Middle College program.

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

-to schedule a special dual board meeting with Gladstone School Board for Wednesday, January 24, 2018 at 5:30 at the Gladstone High School library.

### **Special Mtg.; January 24, 2018**

Discussion amongst Rapid River and Gladstone board members concerning the State cancellation of the Early middle College program was held. George Kanyuh, Albert Wickham, and Edwin LaCosse from Rapid River; and Linda Lowlett, Steve O'Driscoll and Jesse Seger from Gladstone made statements and asked questions.

For complete minutes go to our website at [www.rapidriver.k12.mi.us](http://www.rapidriver.k12.mi.us).

## INDIAN ED

Mr. Keller has scheduled culture classes in March for the 2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> graders. These classes are always very educational.

The annual Spring Feast will be Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup> at which time we will recognize our graduating Indian Ed seniors: Nathaniel Dunlop, Logan Hardwick, Takoda Hardwick, Gavin Harris, Emily Johnson, Shelby LaCrosse, Aleece Paulin, Joseph (JJ) Pilon, Wyatt Schwartz, Khody Smith, Kailey Vietzke, and Cameron Willemsen. The dreamcatchers given to our Indian Ed seniors were custom made by Ms. Gail Rice.

This year our annual family activity will be at the YMCA on Sunday, March 18, 2018 from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. We will have a fun afternoon enjoying the pool and gym. Food and beverages will be available in the Y's daycare room. Please stop in or call our office for free passes.

If you have any questions or concern, please call our office at 474-3572 or email: [leskofski@rapidriver.k12.mi.us](mailto:leskofski@rapidriver.k12.mi.us) or [mpilon@rapidriver.k12.mi.us](mailto:mpilon@rapidriver.k12.mi.us)

## NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Congratulations to the newest members of the Rapid River Chapter of National Honor Society: Emily Thibault, Jaden Schwartz, Riley Christianson, Sherry Vandeville, Azariah Hernandez, Allison Gustafson, Lucas Gendron, Aerianna Spriks, Avery Closs, Garrett Novak, and Brooke Landis. The induction ceremony was held on February 4<sup>th</sup> with all the members and their families in attendance. Congratulations to a great group of students.

## PTC NEWS

We would like to thank everyone who made the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Soup-er Bowl a success! Trophies were awarded to the following: Best Table Décor - Hiawatha's Restaurant, Kid's Choice - Loaded Baked Potato by the Swallow Inn, People's Choice - Minnesota Wild Rice by the Dairy Flo.

Our Book Fair Kickoff night was a blast! Our theme was "Paws for Reading" which made this event doggone fun! We had snacks and games. Delta Animal Shelter was even here with some furry friends! Thanks to our volunteers for helping make the night run smoothly as well as all the time spent before and after the events.

The second annual Ladies Gala will be held Friday, May 11, 2018 at the Lions Club in Rapid River. Come and enjoy a night of spectacular raffles, games, snacks, drinks and dancing with Taylored Entertainment from 7:00 p.m. – 12:00 a.m. Purchase tickets at Eventbrite.com.

## ELEMENTARY PARKING AND DROP OFF

Please use the circle drive in the front of the building to drop off or pick up your students. For safety reasons, please do not drop off your students in the back of the building. This is for staff parking and bus drop offs/pick-ups only. All parking in front of the elementary side of the building is to be done in the visitor parking. **Once again, the circle drive is for dropping off and picking up students, not for parking. Thank you.**

## STUDENT OF THE QUARTER

The School Improvement Team is announcing this quarter's "Student of the Quarter" for 9th – 12th 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter of the 2017-2018 school year: Emily Thibault (Science), Hannah Casey (English), Riley Edwardsen (Fine Arts), Brittany Schwartz (Physical Education), Ismael Hernandez (Math) and Cecilia Pilon (Social Studies).

Teacher of the Quarter:  
Mrs. Hadel  
Congratulations!

## 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 until an evening event starts. Please contact the school if you are interested in supervising students. Thank you, Mr. Warning.